Wheeler and Company are holding 3000 units of book stalls?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) As per instructions issued in September, 1985, the ceiling limit for holding catering/vending contracts on a Zonal Railway is 4 units in the case of Cooperative Societies and 2 units in the case of others.

(b) The extent policy is that, except where it is otherwise provided in the agreement, allotment of additional bookstalls to the contractors (other than partnerships of Unemployed Graduates) already holding 5 or more bookstalls requires prior permission from the Department of Railways. In the case of partnerships of Unemployed Graduates, permission of Department of Railways is required for additional allotment only when they are holding more than 12 bookstalls.

(c) There is no system of computing bookstalls, tables or trolleys in terms of standard units. M/s. A. S. Wheeler & Co. are having sole selling rights at 265 stations as per their agreement with the Railways.

Losses incurred by the Public Sector Shipping Companies

204. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public sector companies in the shipping industry are losing year after year;

(b) if so, what are the details of the performance of each of the above companies alongwith yearly losses suffered by them for the last three years upto 1985-86 and the total debt outstanding against them; and

(c) what are the details of the measures already taken and being proposed to be taken to improve the finance of the public sector shipping companies and shipyards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Mogul Lines has incurred losses in the last few years, but the other public sector shipping company namely Shipping Corporation of India made profits in 1984-85 and 1985-86 after making a loss in 1983-84.

(b) Position regarding profits/losses for the last three years and debts outstanding in respect of Mogul Lines and Shipping Corporation of India are as under:—

Year	Profit/Loss SCI/Mogul Lines	Debts (secured/unsecured;) including accrued (interest) SCI Mogul Lines
		(Rs. in Crores)
1983-84	(—) 51.64 (—) 18.67	678.53/117.63
1984-85	(+) 2.27/ (—) 20.06/	964.98/136.55
1985-86	(+) 6[illegible].21/	1029.62/164.57
	(—) 20.73	

(c) Main losses of the Shipping Corporation of India and Mogul Lines are in operations of bulk carriers in tramp trade where the rates are low compared to expenditure on maintaining these bulk carriers. In order to reduce losses a decision has been taken to scrap uneconomic vessels by incurring one time loss and to avoid continuous recurring losses on operation of these vessels. Efforts are also being made to reduce expenditure in major expenses such as repairs, stores etc.

With regard to improving the financial position of public sector shipyards, Government have initiated action to revise the pricing formula keeping in view the

interests of both shipyards and the sipping companies. Government also propose to restructure the capital base of Cochin Shipyard and Hindustan Shipyard to reduce the incidence of interest burden on Government loans etc.

Import of Cephalaxin

205. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of Cephalaxin imported in the country the last 3 years;

(b) what was the average CIF price thereof;

(c) the names of the from where this drug was imported;

(d) the names of the drug companies alongwith the quantity, source of import and CIF price per kilogram paid which imported the drug during the period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Import of Ranitidine

206. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the drug companies which imported Ranitidine during 1985-86;

(b) what was the quantity imported by each company alongwith CIF price and source of import;

(c) whether it is a fact that the material imported in the country is not of standard quality; and

(d) if so how many samples of this drug were drawn for test and what is the test report of each alongwith the name of laboratory where the samples of the drug were tested?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Sale of Sub-standard Ranitidine Tablets

207. ORE BHATT: Will the ALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that substandard quality of Ranitidine tablets are being sold in the country;

(b) the names of the drug companies which are marketing Ranitidine tablets in the country;

(c) whether samples e tablets were sent for testing;

(d) if so, the name of the laboratory which tested the tablets and what was the report of the same?

THE DE R IN THE DEPAR ELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Licence of Biotech for Import and Marketing of Ranitidine

208. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ranitidine has been cleared for marketing in the country;

(b) the names of the companies to which marketing and import permission under Rule 30A and 69B of the Drugs and